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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the United States Patent Application of

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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.36(a)

On April 30, 2008, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued an Office Action. In the Action the Examiner set a shortened statutory deadline of three months, *i.e.*, to July 30, 2008. Applicants request an extension of time of two months, *i.e.*, to September 30, 2008. The \$460.00 extension fee is being paid by credit card during the electronic filing procedure.

Authorization To Charge Deposit Account

Applicants have requested an extension of time of two months. The \$460.00 fee is being paid by credit card during the electronic filing procedure. However, in the event the amount paid is incorrect, the Director is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 160750** of the law firm of the undersigned attorney.

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Amendment and Response To United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.111

Dear Sir:

I. <u>Introduction</u>

Applicants' Amendment and Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action dated April 30, 2008. In the Action, the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for Applicants' reply of three months, *i.e.*, by July 30, 2008. Applicants have requested an extension of time of two months *i.e.*, to September 30, 2008. Accordingly, Applicants' Amendment and Response is timely as it is being filed electronically on September 30, 2008.